

## *Legacy Project*

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Maurice (Charles) Wertzberger, C.S.C.**

*born: 13 December 1905*

*died: 7 October 1974*



Maurice was born in Decatur, Indiana. In 1928 he entered Holy Cross, went to the juniorate at Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame and made first vows in 1929. He taught typing at Cathedral High in Indianapolis and worked in the business office at Sacred Heart Juniorate. In 1934 he was assigned to the Ave Maria Press and served for the next 20 years canvassing for the *Ave Maria* magazine in the midwestern states. On one occasion, a small boy answered the door by yelling to his mother, "*Ma, here's that man you hid from in the basement last week.*" The embarrassed mother apologized and took a subscription. In 1954 he was assigned to Gilmour Academy. Students were eager to see him, since he delivered mail to their post office boxes. His faithfulness to prayer, his gentleness and kindness were trademarks for those he lived and worked with at Gilmour. He went to Notre Dame for prostate surgery and sent a message back to his community at Gilmour saying, "A nurse came to my room when I had visitors, wanting to know if the patient (me) was in another room. I don't look sick, just as, I don't look pious enough to be a Brother." Maurice died the next day.

*Let them give thanks and shouts of joy for what he has done.*

**-- Psalm 107:22**

*The true way to make ourselves happy is to love our work  
and find in it our pleasure.*

**-- Françoise de Motteville**